

Town of Montville
Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Montville Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
Chairperson May called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Brian Baker, Billy Caron, Joseph Jaskiewicz, Tim May, Rachael Novak, and Kate Southard. Absent was Councilor Nicholas Sabilia. Also present was Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations – *none*
5. Alterations to the Agenda
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard, to remove the following items from the Agenda:
 - 15(a) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Montville and the Montville Fire Fighters Union Local No. 3386, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and Montville Association of Management Employees (MAME) Local 818 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. (Mayor Bunnell)
 - 16(m) **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to close Town offices at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 in observance of the Christmas Holiday for non-essential personnel. (Mayor Bunnell)

Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
6. To Consider and Act on a Motion to Approve:
 - a. The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2025
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard, to approve the Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2025. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.
 - b. The Special Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2025 (CIF Grant)
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard, to approve the Town Council Special Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2025. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 5-0-1. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Abstention(s): Councilor Novak. Motion carried.
7. Executive Session
 - a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the Public Safety Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Building Code Board of Appeals. Discussions to include members of the Town Council and Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr.
Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: The following candidates were interviewed: Stephen Lougee, Public Safety Commission; Mark Myers, Planning & Zoning Commission; John Nason, Public Safety Commission,

and; Keith Truex, Public Safety Commission. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Invited parties exited Town Council Chambers for Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. Chairperson May resumed the meeting at 7:50 p.m. No votes were taken during Executive Session.

8. Remarks from the public relating to matters on the agenda with a three-minute limit
Public Safety Commission Vice Chairperson Steve Stewart, 55 Glendale Road, Oakdale, reported that, while this evening's Public Safety Commission Special Meeting had no quorum, the Commissioners discussed items 16(e), regarding the allocation of funds for the Shoreline Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team FARO Scanner, and (f), regarding the allocation of funds for the replacement of a police car. He expressed his personal support for both items. The Commission will formally address the items during its January 2026 Regular Meeting.

9. Communications

- a. A copy of an e-mail from Fire Marshal John Meigel regarding the outstanding MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the Acting Fire Marshal.

10. Report from the Town Attorney on Matters Referred – *Items are included on the Agenda*

11. Remarks from the Mayor and/or Administrative Department Heads to include Matters Referred

Montville Police Department Lt. David Radford, II, provided an update on the progress of the Animal Control Facility, stating that the parking lot is complete, the doors were installed, and loam was spread, preparing the earth for seeding in the spring. He expressed his appreciation to the WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority) for loaning them the generator, which was delivered, installed, and has been running for the past week, allowing them to work on the interior of the building. They are hoping to have the building powered this week. The Facility is expected to be completed within the next month, followed by the state inspection.

Generator Status (Chairperson May) – Lt. Radford believed the generator was ordered. The WPCA Generator will remain on the site until the permanent generator arrives. Information regarding the alarm system, which will also notify the Dispatch Center regarding power outages, fires, and the like, is in process and will be finalized once the building is powered.

Finance Director Julie Chapman reported on a successful month completing open projects, including the FY2024 Audit, official statement for bond sale, and a presentation by the S&P regarding the Town's AA credit rating. Armed with a strong credit rating, the Town was able to secure financing for a \$6.5 million bond for previously approved projects, including the track & field and road improvements, at a competitive rate. Preliminary work in preparation for the FY2025 Audit, slated to begin mid-January, has begun, and the FY2026/27 budget process will begin after the holidays.

Chairperson May thanked, commended, and congratulated the Finance Department and Finance Committee for their hard work, resulting in the Town's AA rating, saving the taxpayers' funds. Mayor Bunnell concurred.

Land Use & Development Department Director Dennis Goderre reported that the department held two public workshops regarding the CIF (Community Investment Fund) Round Five Grant Revive & Renew Routes 32/163 Project. The attendees' survey results will be posted on the website, and the survey will be available online for public input (<https://www.renew163-32.com>). Related to the project, he offered to provide a brief presentation at a future meeting regarding the possibility of instituting Tax Increment

Financing (TIF) districts to help fund improvements in certain locations. The Community Investment Fund Planning Grant, Round Eight, to fund the Montville Town Center Plan & Implementation Strategy was submitted. CTDEEP's (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) Recreational Trails Grant for the Uncasville Multi-use Trail and Blueway will be submitted next week. He has engaged the CT Department of Housing to discuss its Technical Assistance Program to determine the possibility of receiving funding for studies to promote housing and overcome regulatory barriers. The discussion will complement the Planning & Zoning Commission's upcoming discussions regarding the Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) updates. Two recent legislative bills that will affect the Town are Public Act No. 25-33, regarding environmental matters, and House Bill 8002, which will overhaul the state's housing programs. The latter Bill will require the Town to either establish a Fair Rent Commission or join the Regional Commission and either draft a Housing Growth Plan or join a Regional Plan. The state is expected to release the affordable housing goals for towns next year..

Fair Rent Commission (Chairperson May) – The Commission must be established and formed by the Town Council by July 1, 2026. The Town may opt out of its formation by joining the Regional Commission.

CAM (Community Association Manager) for Single-Family Residences (Chairperson May) – Single-family residences will no longer be exempt from CAM. The designation of CAM areas on the town's GIS system and its inclusion on the Assessor's field cards would need to be investigated.

Housing Growth Plan (Chairperson May) – The benefits of joining the Regional Plan will be weighed. The Town's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and POCD should be reviewed in tandem and the possibility of receiving funding from the CT Department of Housing should be considered. Consultants will need to be hired to complete the Plan by the June 1, 2028 deadline.

Mayor Bunnell expressed his appreciation to and commended Land Use & Development Department Director Goderre for jumping into the role without issue or hesitation.

Fire Marshal John Meigel reported on a very busy month, which included a very successful Public Safety Day at Home Depot, Fire Prevention Week at the town's schools and Little Learners Children's Center in Chesterfield, and a successful Millstone Practice Drill. The Town's Fire Prevention Program is proving extremely successful, receiving several requests. The Program involves utilizing the Town's app and social media platforms to disseminate information regarding upcoming storms and the like. He strives to keep the community safe and aims to educate the public on what to do in case of an emergency. The Department has conducted over 180 inspections over the past two months and is handling numerous insurance company claims. He is in the process of updating the Town's emergency management procedures and has submitted the annual EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant).

Public Works Director John Carlson reported on the hiring of two employees. The paving of Connecticut Boulevard, Oxoboxo Dam Road, Pruett Place, and a section of Old Colchester Road is complete, with the exception of the driveway aprons, which are planned for the spring. The final paving and driveway aprons on Maple Avenue are scheduled for this week. The drainage on Polly's Lane has been repaired, which should help alleviate the flooding issues on Podurgiel Lane, and paving should begin this week. The docks at the Fishing Pier were removed; the start date for the docks is pending. The walls on the Camp Oakdale Building are up and preparations are being made to pour the concrete flooring. After the installation of the garage door, the Public Works Crew will begin installing the conduit for the electrical work. The Camp Oakdale bathrooms are closed for the season; porta-potties are available at select locations. Approximately 900 catch basins were cleaned

this year and adjustments will be made to a new program, connected to the Town's GIS system, to help them better manage their status. The Department continues to trim trees, fix signs, and fill potholes. The new carpeting in the Senior Center is complete and the furniture has been returned.

Councilor Caron expressed his dismay with the delay in the completion of the Camp Oakdale Building.

Town Council Chambers Fire Escape Staircase (Councilor Caron) – They are working with the Building Department to locate companies that build and install the staircase.

Mayor Bunnell continues to attend board/commission meetings. This month's staff meeting was cancelled due to a meeting conflict. The old M-37 Fire Truck was sold; they were unable to retain the light tower due to the work involved. Pleased with the purchase, Purchaser Sam Petrowski donated \$1,000.00 each to the Social Services Food Bank and Toy Drive. He is waiting to hear back from prospective buyers for the '23 Tanker Truck. As reported by the Public Works Director, the painting and carpeting for the Senior Center was completed ahead of schedule. Candidates for the Deputy Fire Marshal position were forwarded to the Public Safety Commission. A successful light parade, with approximately 25 units, was held; appreciation was extended to the Fire-Police, Police Department, Public Works Department, and Parks & Recreation Director. The Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Company elected David Nelson, Sr., as their new Chief; the Mayor thanked former Chief Keith Truex for his long tenure as the Chief and his contributions to the Town and District. The Town is currently discussing the possibility of assisting NECCOG (Northeastern CT Council of Governments), which is withdrawing its Animal Services program.

12. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Town Administration/Rules of Procedure – *Item(s) are included on agenda*

b. Finance

The Finance Director provided a brief overview of the budget and the Committee set its new goals during their recent meeting.

c. Public Works/Solid Waste Disposal – *see Public Works Director's Report (Item 11)*

The Committee is working on revising the Transfer Station fees and will be discussing new ideas during their Regular Meeting next Wednesday, December 17.

13. Reports from Special Committees and Liaison Councilors

a. Councilor Baker: Public Safety Commission

This evening's Public Safety Commission Special Meeting was informational due to a lack of a quorum. Positive correspondence was received for several Montville Police Officers for jobs well done. As reported, a new Chief was appointed to lead the Chesterfield Fire Company. The Commission, which has been reviewing a Policy to systemize its firefighter data, has selected emsCHARTS. The members have been receiving training to prepare them for the January 2026 start date. They are in the process of finalizing the radios. For the month of October, the Police Department responded to 1,000 Calls for Service and 841 Calls for Service in November. The Fire Departments responded to 280 Calls for Service in October.

b. Councilor Caron: Commission on Aging, Non-Profit Organizations, Social Services

As reported, the painting and carpeting in the Senior Center is complete and he is exploring replacement furniture for the library. He will also be advocating for the funding of a new replacement bus for the Senior Center, which is heavily used.

b. Councilor Jaskiewicz: Planning & Zoning Commission – *see Land Use & Development Director's Report (Item 11)*

- c. Councilor Novak: Economic Development Commission, Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Fund

The Economic Development Commission held an informational meeting during which ideas for future discussions were presented, due to a lack of a quorum.

The Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Fund will be meeting in January 2026.

- d. Councilor Sabilia: Conservation Commission, Water Pollution Control Authority, Youth Services Bureau and Advisory Board – *no present; no report*

- e. Councilor Southard: Board of Education, Farmers Market Committee, Library Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission

The Board of Education elected Board Member Carol Burgess as the Chairperson, Board Member Erika Striebel as Vice Chairperson, and Timothy Shanahan, Secretary.

They also approved the 2026/27 District Calendar and were provided with a presentation regarding the Secondary State Assessments, reflecting that the students are in line with the state average. The District was also recognized for the 2024 AP (Advanced Placement) School Honor Roll.

The Farmers Market Committee held a very successful Holiday Market, which was expanded into the Tyl Middle School Cafeteria.

The Winter Hours for the Library are now in effect. Upcoming events/activities include the Self-Serve Wrapping, Drop-in Craft for Kids and Adults, and Storytime.

The Parks & Recreation Commission was provided presentations by Girl Scout Troop 36042 to install fairy houses along one of the Camp Oakdale Trails and Land Use & Development Director Goderre, regarding the DEEP's CT (Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) Recreational Trails Grant for the Uncasville Multi-use Trail and Blueway. The Commission also discussed the Camp Oakdale facility improvements and the need for a more distinctive plan. Parks & Recreation Director Peter Bushway is updating the Camp Oakdale Pavilion rules. The Holiday Parade was very successful, with a record number of units participating.

Councilor Baker noted that, though they attended the parade on time, the radio station had advertised the start time as 6:00 p.m.

14. Appointments and Resignations

- a. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Richard Gladue to the Water & Sewer Commission with a term to expire on January 9, 2030.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- b. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Lyndsey O'Brien to the Commission on Aging with a term to expire on January 10, 2029.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- c. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Traci Callaghan to the Public Safety Commission with a term to expire on January 10, 2029.

Motion made by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- d. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint Daniel Boisvert to the Youth Advisory Board with a term to expire on January 13, 2028.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

- e. To Consider and Act on a Motion to re-appoint William Pieniadz to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire on January 20, 2030.

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Motion carried.

15. Unfinished Business

- a. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Montville and the Montville Fire Fighters Union Local No. 3386, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and Montville Association of Management Employees (MAME) Local 818 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. (Mayor Bunnell)

Removed from the Agenda.

16. New Business

- a. **Resolution #2025-85. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to refund taxes due to overpayments and corrections in the amount of \$8,677.35 (eight thousand six hundred seventy-seven dollars and thirty-five cents) as requested by the Tax Collector. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- b. **Resolution #2025-86. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to extend the auditing services of Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) Wealth Advisors, LLC for the FY2024/25 Audit for the Town of Montville. (Councilor May)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: An extension must be approved by the Town Council annually and is being requested to maintain continuity. Councilor Caron recommended an RFP (Request for Proposal) be issued next year. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- c. **Resolution #2025-87. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the 2025 holiday bonuses for Town employees on Schedule A. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- d. **Resolution #2025-88. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to accept the Drainage Easements, Sight-line Easements, Stormwater Maintenance Access Easements and Asphalt Pad Easement to the Town of Montville as shown on a plan entitled "Town of Montville Planning and Zoning Commission Submission for Proposed Residential Subdivision, 316 Chapel Hill Road, Montville, Connecticut, Prepared for Robert Sachs, Prepared by BL Companies, Dated November 10, 2020 and Revised to February 22, 2021." (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- e. **Resolution #2025-89. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the transfer of \$6,887.00 (six thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven dollars) from account 10480-52164 for the Shoreline Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team FARO scanner. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell stated that the bulk of the funding will be provided by East Lyme and will be valid for five (5) years. The scanner is user-friendly, will provide more accurate information, and may be used for fatal fires and crime scenes. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- f. **Resolution #2025-90. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize the transfer of \$32,200.00 (thirty-two thousand two hundred dollars) from account 10480-52164 for the replacement of a police car. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion: The vehicle will replace one that was totaled due to a no-fault accident. Funding for the remaining balance will be derived from the insurance company and revenue received from the Town's Private Duty Funds. The total cost of the vehicle is \$44,780.00, plus \$11,000.00 to outfit the vehicle. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- g. **Resolution #2025-91. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to consider and act on a motion to introduce and set the date for a public hearing for an ordinance titled "All-Terrain Vehicles Ordinance" on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Montville Police Chief Wilfred Blanchette, III, explained that the Ordinance would provide the Police Department with more enforcement power. Under the current system, the revenue for infractions is sent to the Centralized Infraction Bureau. A standardized infraction ticket and mechanism for an appeals hearing process would need to be instituted, allowing the Town to receive the revenue. Those unsatisfied with the appeal decision may appeal to the Superior Court. Councilor Baker was pleased with the Ordinance. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- h. **Resolution #2025-92. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the Tax Collector's Office Administrative Fees, as approved and recommended by the Town Administration Rules/Procedure Committee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz)

Motion made by Councilor Baker, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Tax Collector Greaves explained that the Fees will help alleviate the mailing and administrative costs for delinquent tax notices, which are currently penalizing all taxpayers, rather than those whose accounts are in arrears. If passed, the Fees will become effective January 1, 2026. Councilors Baker and Jaskiewicz commended Tax Collector David Greaves, who provided the Committee with a detailed explanation of the fees. Mayor Bunnell concurred, adding that the Fees exemplify the Tax Collector's

efforts to improve their current practices. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- i. **Resolution #2025-93. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to review and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Montville and Local 1303-051 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO allowing Per-Diem PSAP Dispatchers to Fill Vacancies, as approved and recommended by the Town Administration Rules/Procedure Committee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz).

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz. Discussion: Montville Police Chief Blanchette, III, explained that, during the last contract negotiations, the Collective Bargaining Unit removed the part-time dispatchers from the contract, but neglected to remove language pertaining to the part-time dispatchers' right of first refusal for all holidays. Due to the possibility of unforeseen occurrences, it was agreed to allow the part-time dispatchers to work during such instances. The MOU will allow the full-time dispatchers to have the right of first refusal and reduce overtime. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- j. **Resolution #2025-94. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to consider and act on a motion to introduce and set the date for a public hearing for an ordinance titled "AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20 BRIDGE STREET" on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- k. **Resolution #2025-95. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to consider and act on a motion to introduce and set the date for a public hearing for an ordinance titled "AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT GAY HILL ROAD, PARCEL ID #077-039-000" on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 5:45 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- l. **Resolution #2025-96. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to consider and act on a motion to introduce and set the date for a public hearing for an ordinance titled "AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT ROUTE 82, PARCEL ID #058-027-000" on Monday, January, 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at Montville Town Hall in the Town Council Chambers. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: None. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- m. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to close Town offices at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 in observance of the Christmas Holiday for non-essential personnel. (Mayor Bunnell)

The item was removed from the Agenda.

- n. **Resolution #2025-97. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize Mayor Leonard Bunnell to make application for DEEP's CT Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$80,000.00 (eighty thousand dollars) with an additional \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand dollars) matching funds for the Uncasville Multi-use Trail and Blueway Feasibility Study. The match will be comprised of \$15,000.00 (fifteen thousand dollars) from Town funds and \$5,000.00 (five thousand dollars) from Staff in-kind services. The total project value is \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars). The CT Recreational Trails Grant Program provides funding to any private nonprofit organizations, municipalities, state departments and tribal governments in support of trail projects including planning, design and construction of new trails (motorized and non-motorized). (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell stated that the Resolution would solidify last month's motion. The \$5,000.00 Staff in-kind services were determined by the position's hourly rates and estimated hours. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- o. **Resolution #2025-98. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** Mayor Leonard Bunnell, Sr., to authorize Mayor Leonard Bunnell to make application for a Community Investment Fund Capital Grant, Round Eight, in the amount of \$3,812,800.00 (three million eight hundred twelve thousand eight hundred dollars) to fund the Camp Oakdale Complex Improvements. (Mayor Bunnell)

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Southard. Discussion: Mayor Bunnell stated that, similar to the previous Resolution, the Resolution will solidify last month's motion. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

- p. **Resolution #2025-99. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the following addition to the Town Council Rules and Procedures:

Rule 9(A)

The following items shall not be placed onto the Council agenda without a recommendation from TARP and review and comment by the Town Attorney:

1. Any increase in compensation, benefits or work-related scope of employment such as job descriptions.
2. Any change of employment duties or benefits that necessitate union bargaining.
3. Any proposed memorandum of understanding with any union; or
4. Any change in employment policies for one employee or a union that requires collective bargaining or would affect other persons or unions by setting precedent.

Any such proposal shall be referred promptly by the Chairperson to TARP. Excluded from the referral requirement are collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the Board of Education and agreements required to settle claims and litigation or to meet statutory bargaining time requirements.

as approved and recommended by the Town Administration Rules/Procedure Committee. (Councilor Jaskiewicz).

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Baker. Discussion:

Councilor Jaskiewicz felt that the addition is long overdue. Roll Call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Baker, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Novak, Southard, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passed.

17. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit – *none*

18. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Novak wished everyone a Happy and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilor Baker thanked everyone for attending and staying to the end of this evening's meeting. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Holidays.

Councilor Caron commended Land Use & Development Director Goderre on a great job and expressed his happiness in seeing the present staff members and their reports. He expressed his opposition to House Bill 8002 and the Accountability Bill and his dismay with the legislators, many of whom, he felt, overstep their positions. He stated the importance of watching over the legislators, who should be working for *all* of the residents, and their actions. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting.

Councilor Jaskiewicz concurred and proposed engaging a lobbyist. He also thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Good Health.

Councilor Southard concurred with engaging a lobbyist and thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting. She wished everyone a Happy Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.

Mayor Bunnell wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. He encouraged everyone to remember the Town's essential employees, including the fire, police, and WPCA, who will be working and risking their lives for the safety of its townspeople so that they may enjoy their holidays. He also commented on the positive letters of correspondence reported by Councilor Baker, adding that the Officers' simple acts of kindness and compassion during times of stress do not go unnoticed.

Chairperson May also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He thanked the employees for their hard work and efforts and was pleased with the Town's recent changes and accomplishments. He thanked everyone for an incredible year and looks forward to the near future. He thanked the Town Council for a productive meeting.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Baker. to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

AN AUDIO RECORD OF THE MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON THE TOWN'S WEBSITE LOCATED UNDER RESOURCES – MEETING RECORDINGS

Schedule A**INDIVIDUAL**

pay codes

code 965	BLANCEHTTE	WILFRED	INDV	100.00
code 970	BRETON	CINDY	INDV	100.00
code 977	ROGERS	JEFFREY	REGISTRARS	100.00
code 977	HILLMAN	MARY	REGISTRARS	100.00
code 970	BUNNELL	LENNY	ELCT	100.00
code 970	CHAPMAN	JULIE	INDV	100.00
code 970	DAMELIA	MARIA	INDV	100.00

PART TIME**OVER 780****HRS**

code 973	PAUL	SUSAN	PT	100.00
code 973	MATHERS	DENNIS	PT	100.00
code 973	RICHARD	MELISSA	PT	100.00
code 973	BROWN	TINA	PT	100.00

RECORDING**CLERKS**

569	MIYUKI	AGNES	PT	100.00
160	GATHERS	GLORIA	PT	100.00

TOTAL				1300.00
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